

Thank you for taking the time to complete this brief survey. *Please circle your answer where appropriate. Either hand written or typed answers are welcomed. Please feel free to write on the back or add additional sheets.* **Please return your completed form to the Winslow Town Office as soon as possible** in the envelope provided to make sure your opinions are included in the Working Group's report and recommendations.

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7. Would the formation of a local agricultural commission, made up of mostly farmers and convened to discuss issues and implement strategies related to farming, be beneficial to you as a farmer?

Yes No

Would you be willing to serve on such a commission? Yes No

8. Are there places that are important to you as a farmer – other farms or businesses that help you farm or that you believe are important to keeping farming part of Winslow's economy?

9. Do you agree with this definition of agriculture? *Agriculture: The production, keeping or maintenance for sale or lease of plants and/or animals, including but not limited to: forages and sod crops; grains and seed crops; dairy animals dairy products; poultry and poultry products; livestock; fruits and vegetables; and ornamental and greenhouse products.*

Yes No

How might you change the definition?

10. Do you agree with this definition of farmer? *Farmer: Anyone who grows food or fiber for personal consumption or for sale to others.*

Yes No

How might you change the definition?

11. What are your future plans for your agricultural lands?

12. Are you aware of tools and programs available to help farmers keep farmland in farming, including financial tools? (*please check all tools you are familiar with*)

- ☐ Farm and Open Space Current Use Tax Program
- ☐ Maine Farms for the Future Program
- ☐ Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund
- ☐ Get Real! Get Maine!
- ☐ Agriculture Development Grant Program
- ☐ Farm Business Planning
- ☐ UMaine Cooperative Extension Service
- ☐ USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service programs
- ☐ Maine FarmLink
- ☐ Beginning Farmer Program
- ☐ Conservation easements
- ☐ MOFGA programs for farmers

13. Is your farm property currently conserved with a farmland easement? Yes No

If not, are you interested in conserving the important farm soils on your property?

Yes No

14. What's your source of water? (Town water, private wells, public water supply, other) Have you experienced problems in the past? How might your water supply affect future plans?

15. Is some portion of your farming organic or “natural” (meaning no additional use of chemical pesticides, GMOs etc.)? Yes No

16. What are your thoughts about genetically modified organisms (GMO)?

17. Do you participate in any farmers market(s)? Yes No

If yes, please list the market or markets: _____

18. Do you think Winslow should have its own farmers market? Yes No

If yes, do you have an idea about where it should be? _____

If yes, do you have an idea about what day of the week is best? _____

19. Do you provide food for a local food pantry or soup kitchen? Yes No

If not, would you consider donating some of your products to one of these programs?
Yes No

20. Do you need additional land for farming, or do you have land you might be willing to lease to a farmer?

Need additional land - Yes No

Have land to lease - Yes No

21. Do you have any other thoughts or comments about farming in Winslow or the region not included in this survey? *(Please use additional sheets if needed)*